

School Curriculum, Assessment & Accountability Council (SCAAC)

September 17, 2013



Volume 2, No. 3—Minutes from the September 17, 2013 Meeting

Advisory Committee Members Present

Rob Akers	Linda Duncan	Liza Holland
Holly Bloodworth	Jana Beth Francis	Brenda McGown
Michael Borchers	Jerry Green	Phyllis O'Neal
Jinger Carter	Thomas Guskey	Williams Owens
Roger Cleveland	Larry Hicks	Terry Rhodes

Call to Order

Chairperson Jana Beth Francis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum of members. Jana Beth Francis introduced two new members to the SCAAC advisory council. Jinger Carter represents assessment coordinators and William Owens represents school board members.

Others in attendance:

Kentucky Department of Education: Robin Chandler, Johnny Collett, Ken Draut, Tommy Floyd, Cindy Greer, Kevin Hill, Terry Holliday, Teresa King, Patsy Kenner, Rae McEntyre, Kathy Moore, Kevin O'Hair, Rhonda Sims, Felicia Smith, Jennifer Stafford, Bridget Stanfield, and Joy Barr

Others: Mary Hendrix, ACT Inc.; Richard Innes, Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions; and Marcia Seiler, Office of Education Accountability

Approval of July 16, 2013 Minutes

Jana Beth Francis

Larry Hicks moved to accept the minutes from the July 16 meeting as presented. Rob Akers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

End-of-Course Assessments

Jennifer Stafford

Jennifer Stafford, OAA Policy Advisor, updated the group concerning a recommendation made by SCAAC at the July meeting. "Larry Hicks moved that SCAAC recommend schools have the option to administer EOC test sessions during one or two days. Liza

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Holland seconded the motion. Motion carried.” At that meeting, members recommended giving schools the option to administer the end-of-course assessments during one-or two-day sessions. Next, that recommendation went to another advisory group, the National Technical Advisory Panel on Assessment and Accountability (NTAPAA) for their review. NTAPAA did not concur with SCAAC’s recommendation because of a concern with test security. Jana Beth Francis thanked KDE for the attempt and asked that the recommendation be attempted again in the future.

Jennifer Stafford also updated the council about the scheduled ACT Stress Test. KDE will be offering schools an opportunity to provide an online end-of-course assessment in Algebra I and/or English I on November 20. This stress test is designed to provide Kentucky educators assurance the online system will work with 20,000+ students in the system at once.

Inclusion of Special Populations in the State-Required Assessment and Accountability Program (703 KAR 5:070)

Rhonda Sims

Rhonda Sims, OAA Division Director, discussed the proposed revisions to the regulation. The regulation will be presented to the Kentucky Board of Education at its October meeting with the following proposed changes:

I. A New Focus for Prompting/Cueing

- Redefines prompting and cueing to direct students’ attention to stay on task. This change is for students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), with Program Services Plans, and with 504 Plans.
- Removes the use of prompting and cueing notebooks on state assessments for students with IEPs, PSPs and 504 Plans.

II. Focus on Word-to-Word Translation for English Learners

- Removes assistive technology that provides complete translations and student-generated glossaries, since they go beyond a word-to-word translation.

III. Addition to Manipulatives

- Change adds a 3 x 5 notecard to the manipulative section for students with IEPs and 504 Plans.

IV. Definition of Extended Time

- Change redefines extended time to be time and a half and double time for students with IEPs, PSPs and 504 Plans. (For students participating in the Alternate Assessment, there is no time limit since the assessment is administered across days.)

V. Language Clarification and Improvement

- Reorganizes the order of content in the regulation and standardizes format.
- Adds language consistently around accommodations not impacting the validity of testing.
- Replaces Limited English Proficient (LEP) with English Learner (EL).
- Emphasizes that accommodations shall be student initiated for students with IEPs, PSPs and 504 Plans.
- Corrects terms for students with 504 Plans and separates them from students with IEPs.
- Removes reference to a committee that participated in the original development of the regulation, but no longer exists.
- Adds language to confirm that students selected for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) assessment should follow NAEP administration rules.
- Removes old terminology such as Program of Studies and writing portfolios.
- Clarifies language around the nature of disabilities and the goal of fading accommodations over time.
- Clarifies language around paraphrasing for students with IEPs, PSPs and 504 Plans.
- Clarifies language around online testing and constructed response for students with IEPs, PSPs and 504 Plans.

Phyllis O'Neal moved that SCAAC recommend the proposed revisions to the 703 KAR 5:070 regulation be approved and to include further clarifying language around the need for accommodations to be student-initiated. Linda Duncan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Break at 10:40 a.m.; resume at 10:55 a.m.

***Administration Code for Kentucky's Educational
Assessment Program (703 KAR 5:080)***

Rhonda Sims
Kathy Moore

Rhonda Sims and Kathy Moore, OAA Program Consultant, reviewed the proposed changes to the 703 KAR 5:080 regulation. The proposed revisions are organized into three areas: test security enhancements; issues clarifications and language/format improvement

I. Test Security Enhancements

- Enhances wording on staff altering student answers and providing inappropriate assistance.
- Adds information regarding a student honor code and signature.
- Adds that the release of embargoed data constitutes a violation of the regulation.
- Adds that schools identified during the allegation process with serious test security problems may be required to follow specific testing guidelines including two person control of test materials.
- Provides a process for minor allegations to be handled at the local district level.
- Adds language to the signature regarding training.

II. Issues Clarifications

- Adds wording that regulation applies to both pencil/paper and computer-based testing as well as optional tests administered by school staff where results are used in accountability.
- Prohibits moving students from one grade level to another in the student information system or falsifying student data for the purpose of accessing or avoiding testing.
- Provides more description for dedicated training time for Administration Code and Inclusion of Special Populations training.
- Clarifies use of electronic devices and Internet access during or after testing sessions.
- Adds requirement for seating charts for each testing session.
- Clarifies verbal reminders given by test administrators during testing sessions including time warnings.

III. Language/Format Improvements

- Removes old terminology (i.e., open-response) and inserts updated terminology (i.e., constructed response).
- Removes inconsistencies in format and wording.
- Rearranges statements in regulation into a more logical order.

Linda Duncan moved that SCACC recommend the proposed revisions to the 703 KAR 5:080 regulation be approved. Liza Holland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The group broke for lunch at 11:45 and resumed at 12:35 p.m.

After lunch, Terry Holliday, Education Commissioner, stopped by for a visit. He provided an update on the upcoming results from the 2013 Unbridled Learning data release.

KDE Update

Ken Draut

Ken Draut, Associate Commissioner in the Office of Assessment and Accountability, updated the members on the timeline for the public release of the 2013 data and school report card release, progress and timeline for the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES), and rollout of new science and social studies standards.

Adjourn

Jana Beth Francis

Topics for the next SCAAC meeting were requested. Mike Borchers moved that the meeting adjourn at 1:40 p.m. Jerry Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2013